

# Q&A with Summer Associate Paige Granie, Los Angeles

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## 1. Where do you attend law school and what year are you?

I am a rising 3L (3rd year student) at University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School in Philadelphia.

## 2. As a returning summer associate, what drew you to Dentons?

I ultimately decided to come back to Dentons for a second summer because of the people in my group and the work I got to do last summer. Admittedly, the virtual summer experience made it difficult to get to know the firm and everyone I was working with. However, Dentons and the group I was in did a great job of prioritizing making connections, even if they were only over Zoom. I enjoyed the work I got to do, the people I met, and I wanted the opportunity to return to the firm in person to really get to know the practice.

## 3. What is one thing that is keeping you busy lately?

I've been working on patent prosecution, specifically drafting Office Action responses. An Office Action (OA) is a letter from the US Patent and Trademark Office that a Patent Examiner will issue to reject a pending patent application. OA responses may involve strategizing persuasive ways to distinguish the patented invention from other technology already existing in the space.

## 4. What has Dentons done to personalize your summer associate experience?

Dentons paired me with a wonderful mentor who has provided me with a lot of valuable guidance. Beyond the initial pairing, the firm also had programming to facilitate summer associates and their mentors making more meaningful and personal connections.

## 5. Have you attended any in-person social events?

Recently I attended an in-person social event with the LA office. We went out to dinner and saw a musical, Moulin Rouge, at the Pantages. It was the opening night for the show in LA, and it was sold out. It was an incredible experience, and the environment was electric!

## 6. What advice do you have for those just starting their law school and legal career?

Make authentic connections with the people around you. Specifically, at law school you are surrounded by a lot of people with diverse experiences—learn as much as you can from your peers.

## 7. What's next in your career path?

I am entering my third year of law school, so the most immediate next step for me is graduation, passing the bar, and becoming a licensed attorney.